

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. OZAWA et al. Confirmation No.: 9907
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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE AND DATA
TRANSFER METHOD BETWEEN EXTERNAL STORAGE
CONTROL DEVICE
Group: 2187
Examiner: B. Peugh

**PETITION FOR REPLACEMENT OFFICE ACTION AND
RESET OF THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE (MPEP §710.06)**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 18, 2008

Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark mailed an Office Action on August 21, 2008. The Office Action has not yet arrived in the office of the Applicants' representative. A copy of the docketing system print-out showing that no documents have been received since the Notice to File Missing Parts in April 2004 is attached. The Applicants' representative discovered that an Office Action had been mailed when checking the status of the application on the USPTO's Private PAIR system.

Due to the delay of almost a month on the part of the U.S. Postal Service or the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Applicants are requesting that the Examiner issue a new Office Action, and reset the statutory period for response to begin with the mailing date of the new Office Action. Please direct any questions

you may have to the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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